

THIRTEENTH DAY

(Monday, April 5, 1954)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bell	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Rogers
Corbin	of Childress
Fuller	Rogers of Travis
Hardeman	Russell
Hazlewood	Rutherford
Kazen	Sadler
Kelley	Secrest
Lane	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Weinert
McDonald	Willis

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, April 2, was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

**House Concurrent Resolution 26 on
Second Reading**

The President laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 26, Congratulating the Boys' Choir of the Houston Civic Symphony and inviting them for a Joint Session on Monday, April 5, 1954.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Bracewell, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

Presentation of Guests

Senator Strauss, by unanimous consent, presented students of the Sealy High School, together with their teachers, Mrs. George Sparks and Edwin Rensch, to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Resolution 57

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Situated in the Big Bend, bordering the silvery Rio Grande, is the largest county in the largest State; and

Whereas, This region of mountains, with its towering peaks extended high into ethereal blue, standing as lonely sentinels, watching over its rugged canyons with their cooling waters and its intervening plateau providing the "Last Frontier"; and

Whereas, Nestling in the foothills of these scenic wonders of this land of enchanting vistas, picturesque and varied, as a lordly jewel in a purple setting, lies the city of Alpine, the home of Sul Ross State College of Texas; and

Whereas, This area of rugged terrain, with its delightful climate, is conducive to the development of good sportsmanship and fair play; and

Whereas, Through the interest and generosity of an outstanding citizen of the Big Bend country and a true son of the romantic old west, Honorable H. L. Kokernot Jr., of Alpine, who is the owner and operator of the famed 06 Ranch, devoted exclusively to the running of fine Highland Herefords and providing a refuge for the wild game and flora and fauna of the region, to provide for the development of the athletic prowess of the youth of these wide-open spaces, and for the entertainment of his friends and fellow citizens, has for many years sponsored the Sul Ross State College Cowboy Baseball Club; and

Whereas, Mr. Kokernot erected a stadium with a present value of over \$500,000.00 for the use of Sul Ross State College, at his own expense, and which ranks with the most modern of athletic stadia and has maintained and supported the same together with the Cowboy Baseball Club without cost to the College; and

Whereas, The Cowboys have won every tournament in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona of semi-pro baseball competition during the past eight years; and

Whereas, The Cowboys are on a tour of Texas and engaging various outstanding baseball clubs in the "national sport"; and

Whereas, Such team is in Austin today, accompanied by Mr. Kokernot, Mr. Gene Hendryx, Public Relations Director, Mr. Al Milch, Athletic Director of Sul Ross State College, and Mr. "Mo" Hedrick, Coach of Sul Ross Cowboys, all of Alpine, to play the

University of Texas Baseball Club; and

Whereas, These gentlemen are visitors in the Capitol and it being the desire of the Senate to extend them a welcome to the Senate Chamber; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That the Sul Ross College "Cowboys" Baseball Club and the above-named sponsor and officials of the Club be, and they are hereby, extended the official welcome of the Senate and that copies of this resolution, with the seal of the Senate, be furnished to those named, together with the President of Sul Ross State College and the Alpine Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of their presence here today.

HARDEMAN
SADLER

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Hardeman presented Mr. Kokernot and the other guests to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 9

Senator Colson offered the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 9, Congratulating the citizens of Navasota on One Hundredth Anniversary.

Whereas, The Year 1954 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the U. S. post office at Navasota, Grimes County, Texas and the transition of this community into an organized town; and

Whereas, The citizens of the entire county will join with local organizations in holding a mammoth birthday party and Centennial Celebration in Navasota on July 3, 4 and 5; and

Whereas, A proclamation, which will arrive in the official Pony Express U. S. mail delivery from the historic old Fanthorp Inn in Anderson, Texas, to the Freeman Inn in Navasota, Texas, will start the "Turn Back the Clock" parade and open the three-day festivities; and

Whereas, The riders will follow the old stagecoach route between these two towns nested in the heart of early Texas history and will change mounts every one-half mile as they move along what was a century ago the mail route between Galveston, Houston and Waco Village; and

Whereas, The three-day program will include a colossal historic pageant depicting one hundred years of progress and prosperity in Navasota and Grimes County, an old fiddlers' contest, rodeos, reunions, square dances, a singing convention and a whisker growing contest sponsored by the society of the "Brothers of the Brush"; and

Whereas, There also will be a museum of items made precious by many years of glorious living and a Hall of Fame, dedicated to those who have had a part in enshrining Navasota in the memory of their fellow men; and

Whereas, Citizens worthy of the proud history of the city and county are now living in this pleasant land which is watered by the Navasota and Brazos Rivers and beautified by vast fields of Texas Bluebonnets; and

Whereas, It is proper and appropriate to pay tribute to these residents as well as to the pioneer settlers of this modern and industrious city and to give recognition to such an important milestone in its remarkable growth; and

Whereas, Such an Anniversary is of general public interest as a part of the colorful history of our State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the 53rd Legislature of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Legislature does hereby extend congratulations to the citizens of Navasota on their One Hundredth Anniversary and does commend them for their initiation of a program which will inspire understanding, appreciation and fellowship; and be it further

Resolved, That official copies of this resolution be sent to the sponsors of the Navasota Centennial Celebration.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Colson, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 10

Senator Lock offered the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 10, Congratulating citizens of Nacogdoches on One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

Whereas, On May 3rd to 8th, 1954, the City of Nacogdoches will commemorate one hundred and seventy-five years as an incorporated municipality with a celebration theme which is "Gateway Jubilee"; and

Whereas, The people of the City of Nacogdoches have, through their industry, made the most of their rich natural endowment to develop a community which is a happy combination of industry, trade and recreation; and

Whereas, Nacogdoches, situated in the eastern part of Texas, known as the "Gateway to Texas," early became the lumber center of East Texas, and stimulated by the establishment of a railroad enjoyed commercial contacts denied to the more remote parts of the State; and

Whereas, This municipality has developed a strong community spirit which is symbolized by an effective school system, deep religious devotion, an abiding interest in the home, and broad participation in activities designed to promote the well-being of its people; and

Whereas, This community, situated in East Texas, near the Angelina River, typifies the widely diversified farming opportunities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Legislature congratulates the City of Nacogdoches on its 175th Anniversary typifying the progress made by the ingenious and diligent people of this land, and invites the citizens of Texas to join them in celebrating this momentous occasion.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Lock, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

Senate Resolution 58

Senator Parkhouse offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Arthur L. Kramer, Jr., of Dallas, has been awarded in 1953 and 1954 high honors for contributions to his community; and

Whereas, Honors bestowed on Mr. Kramer include his selection in 1953 as "one of the five outstanding young Texans" by the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, and in February,

1954, as "man of the year" by the East Texas Chamber; and

Whereas, Mr. Kramer, who is Dallas City Councilman and president of A. Harris & Company of Dallas, is a veteran of World War II, president of the Dallas Grand Opera Association, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Dallas Red Cross Chapter, and many other civic organizations; his volunteer efforts for humanitarian causes such as Community Chest, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, and the Heart Association, and his continuing services for every movement for the betterment of Dallas religious, educational, welfare and business, surely entitled him to these high honors; and

Whereas, Mr. Kramer has proven his value in the ranks of a worker as well as for his leadership in worthy projects for the betterment of his city, county and state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this outstanding Texan should be recognized by his fellow Texans, and that the Senate extend to Mr. Kramer our congratulations for the honors he has justly merited in 1953 and 1954; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to him.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Report of Standing Committee

Senator Weinert submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,
April 5, 1954.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 15, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendments and be printed.

WEINERT, Chairman.

House Bill 15 Ordered Mimeographed

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, H. B. No. 15 was ordered mimeographed and not otherwise printed.

Resolution Signed

The President signed, in the presence of the Senate, after the caption had been read, the following enrolled resolution:

S. C. R. No. 7, Extending congratulations and felicitations to Congregation Beth Israel of Houston on its centennial.

House Bill on First Reading

The following bill, received from the House, was read and was referred to the Committee indicated:

H. B. No. 8, To the Committee on State Affairs.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 on Second Reading

Senator Willis moved to suspend the regular order and rules and that the following resolution be placed on its second reading (the resolution having been introduced on Friday, April 2, 1954):

S. C. R. No. 8, Relative to State Song, "Texas, My Texas."

Question—Shall S. C. R. No. 8 be adopted?

Senator Phillips raised the point of order that S. C. R. No. 8 was out of order because it did not come within the Governor's Proclamation calling this Special Session.

The President sustained the point of order.

Senate Resolution 60

Senator Moore offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We will be honored today to have in the gallery the Seventh Grade Elementary School of Caldwell, Texas, accompanied by their principal, C. C. Terry, and teachers, Eugene Winkler and Jane Coleman; and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly indorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them

in recognition of their visit; and be it further

Resolved, That these individuals be officially welcomed and recognized by the Senate, and that they be extended the courtesies of the floor for the day.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Motion to Adjourn

On motion of Senator Weinert, the Senate agreed to adjourn at the conclusion of the Joint Session until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Committee to Escort Lieutenant O'Brien to Joint Session

The President announced the following Committee pursuant to the provisions of H. C. R. No. 17 to escort Lieutenant O'Brien to the Joint Session: Senators Shireman, Hardeman, Sadler and Martin.

Joint Session

(To present Lieutenant O'Brien and to hear Houston Youth Symphony.)

The President of the Senate and the Senators present proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives at 11:00 o'clock a. m.

The Senators were announced and were admitted and escorted to seats prepared for them along the aisle.

The President Pro Tempore called the Senate to order, and announced a quorum of the Senate present.

Hon. Reuben Senterfitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives, called the House to order, stated the purpose of the Joint Session and announced a quorum of the House present.

Lieutenant O'Brien and party, accompanied by Governor Shivers and the Houston Youth Symphony, were announced by the Doorkeeper.

The distinguished guests were escorted to the Speaker's rostrum by Senators Shireman, Sadler, Hardeman and Martin on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Bristow, Orim, Kirklin, Slack, Warden, Bates of Harris, Yancey, Murphy, Moore, Baker and Elliott on the part of the House.

The Speaker presented Mr. Bristow to the Joint Session. Mr. Bristow

addressed the Joint Session, telling of the boyhood and military service of Lieutenant O'Brien and presented Lieutenant O'Brien and Governor Shivers to the Joint Session. Governor Shivers addressed the Joint Session and presented an enrolled copy of H. C. R. No. 17 to Lieutenant O'Brien.

The Speaker then presented Mr. Moore and he in turn introduced the Houston Youth Symphony and sponsors to the Joint Session. The Sym-

phony presented several musical selections to the Joint Session.

At the conclusion of the Joint Session, the President Pro Tempore adjourned the Senate on motion previously adopted in the Senate.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Weinert, the Senate, at 11:45 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

In Memory of
Reuben E. Senterfitt, Sr.

Senator Ashley offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 56)

Whereas, On the thirty-first day of December, 1953, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, called Reuben E. Senterfitt, Sr., father of the distinguished Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Reuben E. Senterfitt, of San Saba, Texas, to his Heavenly Reward; and

Whereas, Mr. "Rube" Senterfitt, as he was affectionately known to his host of devoted friends, was born in San Saba County, Texas, on the twenty-second day of August, 1875, of one of the pioneer families of that county, where he resided until the time of his death, and is survived by a wife, Mrs. R. E. Senterfitt; three sons, Reuben, Ray and John Senterfitt; and three daughters, Mrs. Opal Terry, Mrs. Faye McConathy, and Mrs. Fannie Bell Cox; and

Whereas, Mr. Senterfitt was a substantial farmer and rancher, whose death culminated an outstanding life of leadership and service to his fellowman; and

Whereas, He was widely known as a man of finest qualities, generous with his time and talents, and always dedicated to the furtherance of the good of his fellow citizens; and

Whereas, He was a respected and well loved citizen of San Saba County, a devoted husband and father, and a warm personal friend of the author of this Resolution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Reuben E. Senterfitt, Sr.

ASHLEY

Signed—Ben Ramsey, Lieutenant Governor; Aikin, Bell, Bracewell, Colson, Corbin, Fuller, Hardeman, Hazlewood, Kazen, Kelley, Lane, Latimer, Lock, Martin, McDonald, Moffett, Moore, Parkhouse, Phillips, Rogers of Travis, Rogers of Childress, Russell, Rutherford, Sadler, Secrest, Shireman, Strauss, Wagonseller, Weinert, Willis.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Lock, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and all the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In Memory of Honorable H. A. "Salty" Hull

Senator Willis offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 59)

Whereas, On the fifteenth day of February, 1954, the Great Architect of the Universe called to his Heavenly Abode the Honorable H. A. "Salty" Hull at the age of fifty years; and

Whereas, In the passing of this outstanding attorney, civic leader, humanitarian and Member of the Texas House of Representatives, Tarrant County and all of Texas have suffered a great loss because of his many good deeds and acts of welfare in behalf of his fellow man; and

Whereas, "Salty," as he was affectionately known to his business associates and legislative colleagues, was born in the State of Illinois on November 4, 1903, and moved to Texas at the age of eleven years where he received his education and legal training; and where he served with distinction as a Member of the House of Representatives in the 45th, 46th, 48th, 49th, 51st, 52nd and 53rd Texas Legislatures; and

Whereas, He was a self-made man and a faithful and sincere Christian, being an outstanding lay leader in Methodist Church circles in Tarrant County, Texas, as well as a fine Sunday School teacher in the Trinity Methodist Church in Fort Worth where he often filled the pulpit on Layman's Day; and

Whereas, He was a great lover of all mankind, especially children, a love that was reciprocated by all those who knew him. He knew shine boys and Governors alike, and they, in return, paid him equal respect. Of "Salty" Hull it can truly be said: He was a friend to all; he served without being subservient and he had dignity without pomposity. A friend said, "In my many years of acquaintance with him, I never heard him sound a sour note." He was a loving husband and indulgent father; and

Whereas, He filled all the years allotted to him with a devoted service to his friends and to his community. He was a man whose word was his bond. He would fight to a standstill for his family, his friends, his rights and his property, or for what he felt to be any worthy cause. This poem will best express his attitude toward life and his obligations to those around him:

"In making way through life, I find
At every turning of the road;
The strong arm of a comrade kind,
To help me onward with my load.
And, though I have no gold to give,
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is, while I live
God make me worthy of my friends."

Whereas, It is the desire of the Senate of Texas to recognize and pay tribute to the memory and useful life of this outstanding Texan and to express sympathy to his family; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of Texas, That the loss of this esteemed citizen and civic leader is a loss to the entire State, and that a page in the Journal be set aside to his memory; that a copy of this resolution be sent to the surviving members of his family; and that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in honor of the memory of H. A. "Salty" Hull.

WILLIS

Signed—Ben Ramsey, Lieutenant Governor; Aikin, Ashley, Bell, Bracewell, Colson, Corbin, Fuller, Hardeman, Hazlewood, Kazen, Kelley, Lane, Latimer, Lock, Martin, McDonald, Moffett, Moore, Parkhouse, Phillips, Rogers of Travis, Rogers of Childress, Russell, Rutherford, Sadler, Secrest, Shireman, Strauss, Wagonseller and Weinert.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Secrest, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and all the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was then adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.